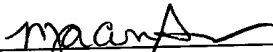


- ☐ Petition for () month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$0.00 for the extension of time.
- ☒ No fee is required.
- ☐ Check(s) in the amount of \$0.00 is(are) enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. This form is submitted in triplicate.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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December 31, 2002

Sir:

The following Amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action issued October 1, 2002, in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 3 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please replace claim 1 with the following amended claim.

Examiner
1. (Twice Amended) A method for treating autoimmune demyelinating diseases which comprises administering to a patient in need thereof an effective amount of a Fas antagonist, which is a substance that inhibits Fas-Fas ligand binding and suppresses apoptosis.